

# summer SPOTLIGHT

FOR  
AGES 12-18

AT  
HOME



## This booklet contains:

- Reading logs for 1000-page and 5000-page challenges: complete one or both challenges to earn entries into end-of-summer prize drawings for Barnes & Noble gift cards.
- 12 weekly themes: complete activities and projects, find great book recommendations, and discover ideas to get the most out of your summer

## Teen Programs

Weekly Trivia: [bit.ly/ SCLtrivia](https://bit.ly/SCLtrivia)

Weekend Fun Breaks: [bit.ly/SCLfamilyfun](https://bit.ly/SCLfamilyfun)

For a complete list of virtual and mail-out program options, visit: [bit.ly/SCLteen](https://bit.ly/SCLteen)



*Note to parents and caregivers:*

*Use this packet in whatever way keeps your teen most engaged over the summer. That might mean adding rewards of your own for completing weekly activities or meeting reading milestones.*

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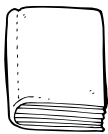

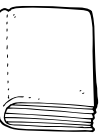
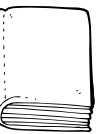


















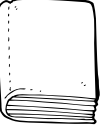
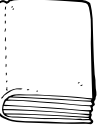

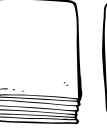
















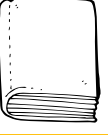
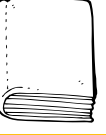

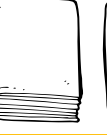
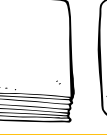











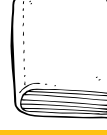
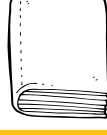

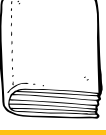
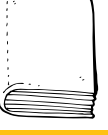
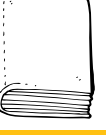
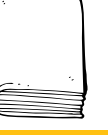
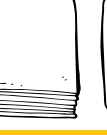
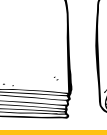













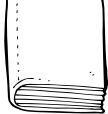
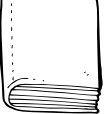
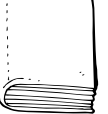
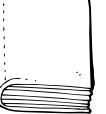
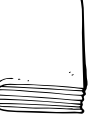
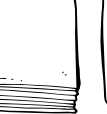


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# 1,000-PAGE challenge!

Color in a book for each 10 pages you read. Complete all 1000 pages to earn your entry into the drawing for a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

1  = 10 PAGES

										<b>100 PAGES</b>
										<b>200 PAGES</b>
										<b>300 PAGES</b>
										<b>400 PAGES</b>
										<b>500 PAGES</b>
										<b>600 PAGES</b>
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Return for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble at the end of the summer.

Fill out the form, then either drop in the book return of your Scott County Library or mail to:

**Scott County Library Administration  
1615 Weston Court  
Shakopee, MN 55379**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite book from summer: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do NOT wish to participate in an online survey about Summer Spotlight this fall

# Welcome to your reading adventure!

Get 5 in a row across, down, or diagonally to complete a BINGO!

Read a nonfiction book	Read while eating breakfast	Read a book set in the past	Read a scary book	Read in a silly voice
Read an epistolary book	Read a fantasy book	Read in pajamas	Read a book with a blue cover	Read a funny book
Read a book older than you	Read two books by the same author	Read outside	Read a graphic novel	Listen to someone reading out loud
Read a book set in the future	Read about a new place	Read a book recommended by someone	Read in bed	Read a book that won an award
Read a poem	Read an eBook	Read about a place you haven't been	Recommend a book to a friend	Read a book because you like the cover

Write or draw a book review here:

# WEEK 1 You are awesome!



## ☐ GIVE BACK: EXPLORE:

Do something kind for someone else. Write a card to someone in the hospital and let them know how special they are.

<http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/make-cards1.html>

- ☐ Write an acrostic poem using your name; each line begins with the next letter in your name!
- ☐ At dinner each day for a week, talk about your favorite part of the day. Invite your family to share as well.

## THREE GOOD THINGS

Challenge yourself to name 3 good things each day for a week!

Noticing and being grateful for the big and the small is a way you can find peace each day. Each day try to think of three good or positive things you did or noticed and write them down.



## CREATE: Draw a selfie!

MONDAY	TUESDAY
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
SUNDAY	How did your week go? Does naming things you are grateful for make it easier to cope with some things you aren't so grateful for? Was it hard to come up with three things each day?
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	

Activity adapted from [www.changetochill.org](http://www.changetochill.org) by Allina Health

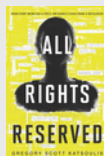
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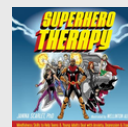
Nevertheless,  
We Persisted



Watch Us Rise



All Rights  
Reserved



Superhero  
Therapy



If It Makes  
You Happy



# Riddle me this! **WEEK 2**

## EXPLORE:



Sign up to receive a mail-out escape room

<https://bit.ly/SCLhaunted>



Plan an elaborate heist to get something from your kitchen. Be sneaky. Leave no clues behind.



## GIVE BACK:

Paint a rock with a message of kindness and leave it for someone to find - you never know when a kind message will change someone's day!

## CRYPTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Work through these pigpen cipher riddles then use the code to create your own secret messages.

Although the pigpen cipher looks difficult, it is actually a fairly basic form of substitution cipher - each letter is replaced by a symbol. The letters of the alphabet are written out on 4 grids. To write your code, draw the part of the grid in which your letter is located. This then becomes your code!

Here's a sample message:

X MARKS THE SPOT

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

J	K	L
M	N	O
P	Q	R

S	
T	U
V	

~~|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | W |   |
| X | : | Y |
|   | Z |   |~~

## CREATE:

Your own secret message!

## Can you solve these riddles?

I can run but never walk,  
have a mouth but never talk,  
have a head but never weep,  
have a bed but never sleep.  
What am I?

⌞⌞⌞⌞⌞

= \_\_\_\_\_

I am always hungry and will die if not fed,  
but whatever I touch will soon turn red.  
What am I?

⌞⌞⌞⌞

= \_\_\_\_\_

With pointed fangs I sit and wait; with piercing force I crunch out fate;  
grabbing victims, proclaiming might;  
physically joining with a single bite.  
What am I?

⌞⌞⌞⌞⌞⌞⌞⌞

= \_\_\_\_\_

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



Truly Devious



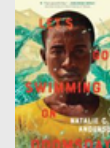
Blood, Bullets, Bones



The Faithful Spy



Not If I Save You First



Let's Go Swimming On Doomsday

# WEEK 3 Om-nom-nom-nivore!



## ☐ GIVE BACK:

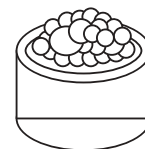
Help kids in your neighborhood stay busy with an active, one person at a time game: google "sidewalk chalk obstacle course" for ideas!

## ☐ EXPLORE:

- ☐ Ask a friend or family member for a favorite recipe then try to recreate it!
- ☐ Before eating your snack, note its color and smell. Then take a bite but don't chew for 10 seconds. Finally, begin chewing slowly. What did you notice about the food you ate?

## SANDWICH "SUSHI"

Play around with different add-ins until you've created your perfect sandwich sushi recipe!



### What You Need:

- Soft Cream Cheese (4 oz)
- Sour Cream (2 TBSP)
- Garlic Salt (1/2 tsp)
- Pepper to taste
- Baby Spinach
- Carrot – matchstick pre-cut
- Cucumber – 1 small
- Red Bell Pepper 1/2 seeded
- Sandwich Bread – 4 slices

### Basic Recipe



### Instructions:

1. First make the spread - In a small bowl, stir together the soft cheese, sour cream and garlic salt. Add a pinch of pepper. Set aside.
2. Then cut the veggies - cut the cucumber and bell pepper to make matchsticks, similar in size to the pre-cut matchstick carrots. To do this, thinly slice the vegetables, and then lay the slices down flat and slice them again to make long slivers.
3. Next flatten the bread - Lay the slices of bread on a work surface. Using a rolling pin or your hands, flatten the bread so that it will be easier to roll up.
4. Finally, assemble the sushi: divide the goat cheese mixture among the flattened bread slices, and spread it all the way to the edges. Add a few pieces of spinach. On one edge of each bread slice, lay down a few of the veggie matchsticks, letting them hang over either end. Tightly roll up the bread around the veggies. Cut each roll into four "sushi", arrange on a plate & serve.

**Hold on, who has all those ingredients sitting around the house? Create your own perfect recipe based on the original!**

### I don't have or don't like...

### ...so i'll substitute (circle one)

cream cheese	— — — — —	goat cheese / mayo / butter
sour cream	— — — — —	milk / nothing
garlic salt	— — — — —	salt / my fave seasoning_____
spinach	— — — — —	lettuce / cheese
carrot /cucumber/bell pepper	— — — — —	avocado / my fave veggies_____
bread	— — — — —	tortillas / naan / lettuce

Looking for more protein? Add chicken, deli meat, tofu, cooked shrimp!

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



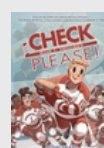
Teen Kitchen



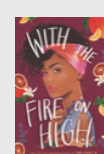
Tweet Cute



Hungry Hearts: 13  
stories of food & love



Check, Please!



With the Fire  
on High





I just wanna celebrate! **WEEK 4**

## EXPLORE:

- ☐ Host a family game night. Prepare a life-size version of a favorite board game.
- ☐ Learn a dance from a different culture.



## GIVE BACK:

Find some super-easy fleece blanket and pet toy instructions online and make some special gifts for a local pet shelter (be sure to call first to make sure they can use them).

## CELEBRATION CREATION

Design a Celebration around YOU - imagine your most joyful celebration! How will you decorate? Draw the plans below.



Plan here

**Name the Celebration**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Food served**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Activities/Games**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Is there a cultural or religious component?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**When will the celebration be held?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**How long will it last?**

\_\_\_\_\_



Draw here



## CREATE:

Draw an animal in a party hat!

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



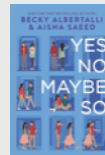
*Black Enough*



*Sam & Ilsa's Last Hurrah*



*Pumpkinheads*

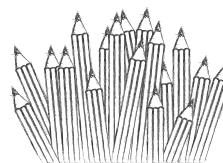


*Yes No Maybe So*



*Batman: Nightwalker*

# WEEK 5 Share your story!



## ☐ **GIVE BACK:** **EXPLORE:**

This is a tough time for older people and others with health issues - write and mail an encouraging card to someone you know who might feel isolated.

- ☐ Enter our writing contest between July 6 - 25, sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board (see flyer).
- ☐ Set a writing goal this summer. I will write \_\_\_\_\_ pages!

## **JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER**

**Design the cover for your autobiography you'd like to write 10 years from now. Then give a brief description below.**

Cover

Description

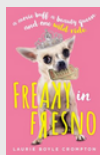
## **CREATE:**

Fan art - draw your favorite character!

## **WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:**



*Give Me  
Some Truth*



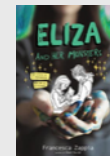
*Freaky in Fresno*



*Image &  
Imagination*



*Ordinary Hazards*

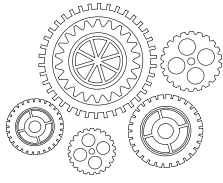


*Eliza and Her  
Monsters*



# Science & Technology! **WEEK 6**

## EXPLORE:



- ☐ Construct the ultimate blanket fort then spend the day in it. Read, create, snack - the blanket fort is your oyster.
- ☐ Create a time capsule. What will go in it? When should it be opened? Include a short note about yourself.

## I SURVIVED THE \_\_\_\_\_

**You have been transported to an earlier civilization. You have rope, a pocket knife, a roll of duct tape, and three modern technological devices. How will you survive?**



Plan here

**Where are you?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**When are you?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Technology you have:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Biggest survival**

**concerns:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What will you eat?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Where will you live?**

\_\_\_\_\_



Write here



## GIVE BACK:

Keep in touch! Start a question of the week project with a family member you aren't able to see as much as usual.



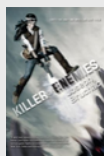
## CREATE:

Draw an invention you would use

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



*Catfishing on CatNet*  
CatNet



*Killer of Enemies*



*The Fever King*

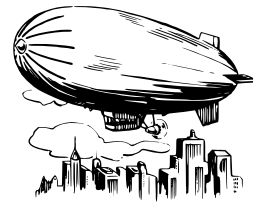


*Wonder Women*



*War Cross*

# WEEK 7 Blast to the past!



## GIVE BACK:

Get in touch with your creative side - design a poster to support a favorite cause!



## CREATE:

Draw someone you'd want to meet!

## EXPLORE:



Make a list of everything that uses electricity. Use as few items as you can throughout a day.



Find a favorite toy from when you were younger. Try playing with it again. What do you like about it now?

## HISTORY HUNT: WHAT IS IT?

All of these items are in the Scott County Historical Society collections. Guess what they were used for by matching the item to its name!



1



2



3



4



5



6



7

A) Butter Mold   B) Corn Husker   C) Cabbage Cutter  
D) Doughnut Mold   E) Iron   F) Sausage Mold   G) Curling Iron  
Visit the Scott County History Blog for more  
information at [shorturl.at/iwGM8](http://shorturl.at/iwGM8)

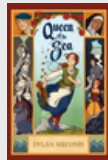
1-E, 2-C, 3-G, 4-A, 5-D, 6-B, 7-F

**SCOTT  
COUNTY**  
history.org  
at the Stans Museum

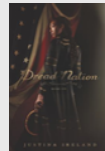
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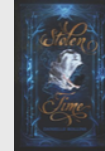
*An Indigenous People's  
History of the United States*



*Queen of the Sea*



*Dread Nation*



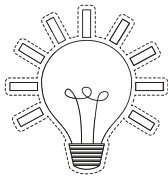
*Stolen Time*



*Invictus*

# Content Creator! **WEEK 8**

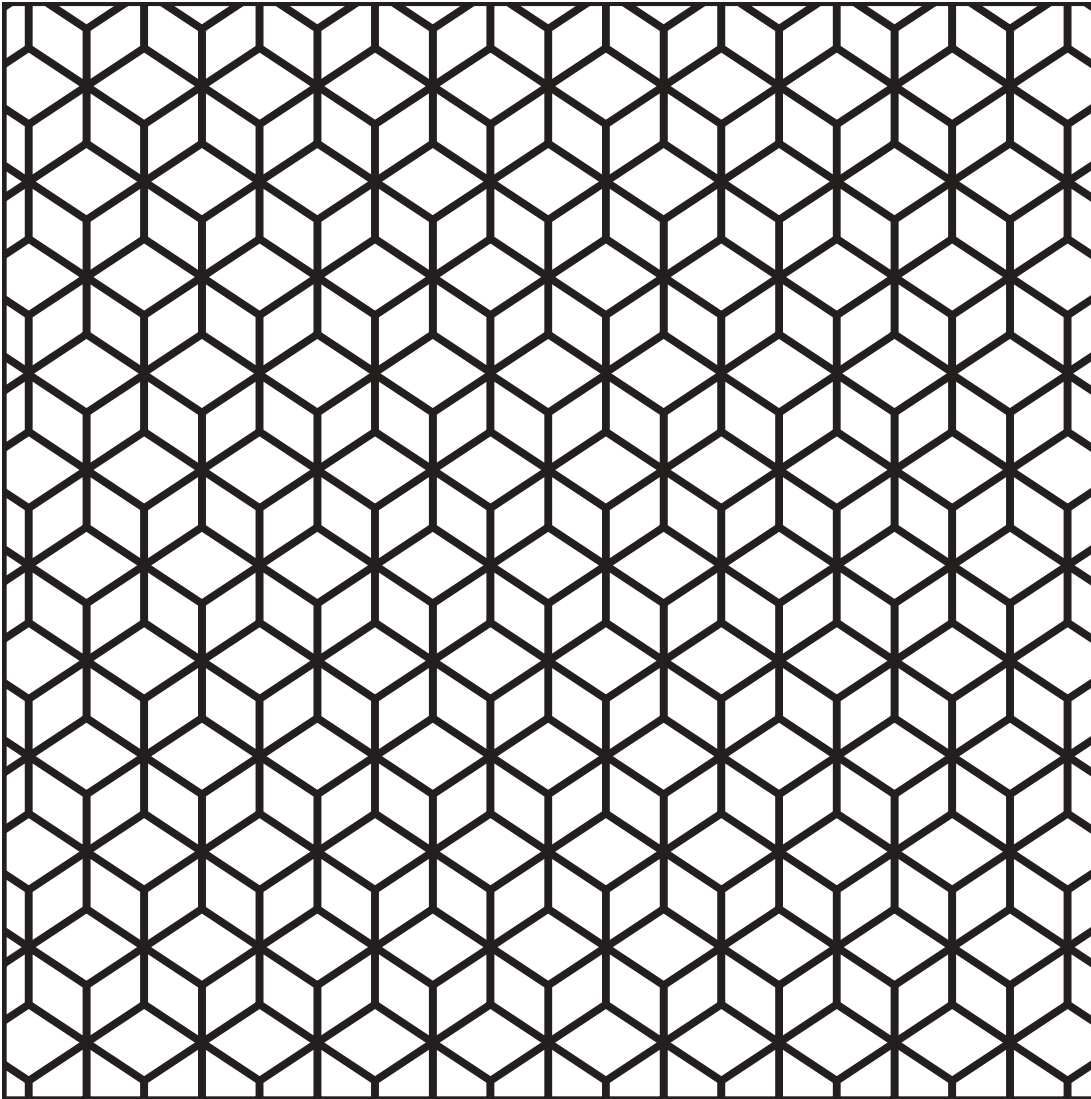
## EXPLORE:



- ☐ Photograph a day. Don't worry about it being perfect. Then pick only one picture to share.
- ☐ Have a family art night. Work together on a giant piece of paper to create a family mural.

## THERE'S A PATTERN HERE...

Color or shade in squares or cubes to make a drawing or just color in the cubes to relax.



## ☐ GIVE BACK:

Check the CAP Agency website for possible volunteer opportunities right here in Scott County:  
<https://www.capagency.org/be-a-volunteer/>



## CREATE:

Write the lyrics to the theme song if your life was a TV show.

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



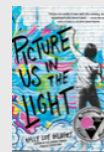
*You're welcome, Universe*



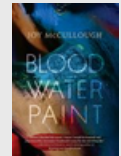
*Princess Jellyfish*



*Landscape with Invisible Hand*



*Picture Us in the Light*




*Blood Water Paint*

# WEEK 9 Jet Setter!



## ☐ GIVE BACK: EXPLORE:

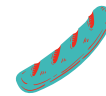
Take a look at [dosomething.org](http://dosomething.org) and pick something you are interested in doing - donating clothing for homeless teens, fighting harassment and bullying, and election activism are a few of the options.

 **CREATE:**  
Draw someone you'd want to meet!

- ☐ Plan your global tour. Where would you want to go? How long would you stay? What would you see?
- ☐ Try a snack from another country or culture that you haven't had before. Maybe get some ideas from the trivia below!

## GLOBAL FOODS TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of global deliciousness in this brutal quiz!



1. In what country might you eat haggis?\_\_\_\_\_
2. In what Italian city did pizza originate?\_\_\_\_\_
3. What type of meat is typically in a German bratwurst?\_\_\_\_\_
4. What civilization was the first to use olive oil?\_\_\_\_\_
5. Injera is a flat bread common in what country?\_\_\_\_\_
6. Sushi originates from what country?\_\_\_\_\_
7. To what country is the mung bean native?\_\_\_\_\_
8. If you were eating mole poblano, you would most likely be in what country?\_\_\_\_\_
9. What is Hawaii's most popular fruit?\_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the name of the Spanish rice dish cooked in a large pan and containing a mixture of meat and seafood?\_\_\_\_\_

### HOW DID YOU DO?

Give yourself a point for each correct answer you got on your own.  
Give yourself negative points if you asked Alexa.

7-10 points - Great job, you are ready to eat your way around the world!

4-6 points - There's still a whole culinary world out there waiting to be discovered!

0-3 points - Check out an international cookbook from the library NOW!

ANSWERS: 1. Scotland; 2. Naples; 3. Pork; 4. Greece; 5. Ethiopia; 6. Japan; 7. India; 8. Mexico; 9. Pineapple; 10. Paella

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



Summer of Broken Things



The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue



Road Tripped



Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: BFF



Diary of a Tokyo Teen



# Master of the Universe! **WEEK 10**

## EXPLORE:



- ☐ Get up and watch the sunrise one morning. How long did it take for the sun to rise? (No looking directly at the sun!)
- ☐ Study the night sky. What constellations, planets, and objects can you find? <https://stellarium-web.org/>

## ☐ GIVE BACK:

Pause for a moment and think about a teacher who helped you out at some point. Write them an email about how they helped you and thank them.

## SEARCH FOR THE STARS!

Can you find all of these out of this world astronomy terms?

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PARALLAX	PLEIADES	POLARIS	PROXIMACENTAURI	QUASAR
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## CREATE:

A new mode of transportation.

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



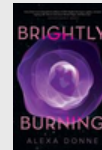
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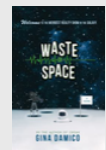
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Reverie



Burning Brightly



A Waste of Space

# WEEK 11 Level Up!



## ☐ GIVE BACK: EXPLORE:

Give back to YOU! Take a quiz to check your stress levels at

[www.changetochill.org/stress-factor-quiz/](http://www.changetochill.org/stress-factor-quiz/) - share the website with someone else who needs a stress check!

- ☐ Organize a group gaming event with friends or family. What game did everyone enjoy the most?
- ☐ Try a new game you haven't played before. Write a brief review of what you liked and what you didn't like.

## ANALOG AVATAR

Create your own game character by planning, then drawing a representation of YOU - imagine your most audacious self!



## CREATE:

Your own game.



Plan here



Write here

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hair \_\_\_\_\_

Eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Shoes \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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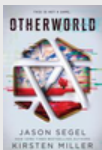
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## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



Otherworld



Don't Read the  
Comments



The Ballad of  
Songbirds and Snakes

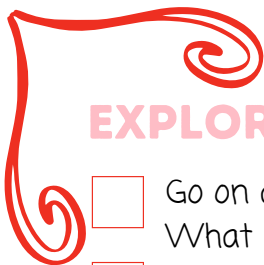


Slay



Truckus Maximus





# Back to Nature! **WEEK 12**

## EXPLORE:

- ☐ Go on a "safari." Use all of your senses. What do you smell? What do you hear? What do you see? What do you taste?
- ☐ Go outside. Find a flower. Draw a picture of that flower. Then, try and determine what type of flower it is when you get back.

## THE 10 ESSENTIALS

Hikers have a list of 10 essentials in case of emergency. Create a list of essentials for an outdoor adventure or just everyday life.

Your Adventure: \_\_\_\_\_

Item

Purpose

- |           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| 1. _____  | _____ |
| 2. _____  | _____ |
| 3. _____  | _____ |
| 4. _____  | _____ |
| 5. _____  | _____ |
| 6. _____  | _____ |
| 7. _____  | _____ |
| 8. _____  | _____ |
| 9. _____  | _____ |
| 10. _____ | _____ |



## GIVE BACK:

Make a "wishtree" in your yard (people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to the branches). From the book *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate.



## CREATE:

The a blueprint for your ultimate theme park

## WE LOVE THESE BOOKS:



*Starry Eyes*



*Ascent*



*Wild Bird*



*Where the World Ends*





















*As the Crow Flies*

# 5000-PAGE challenge

Did you finish your 1000-Page Challenge (see page 2) early? Keep reading! Read an additional 4000 pages to earn an second entry into the end of summer drawing!

**1  = 10 PAGES**

                     	<b>1400 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>1800 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>2200 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>2600 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>3000 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>3400 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>3800 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>4200 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>4600 PAGES</b>
                     	<b>5000 PAGES</b>



Return for another chance to win a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble at the end of the summer.

Fill out the form, then either drop in the book return of your Scott County Library or mail to:

**Scott County Library Administration  
1615 Weston Court  
Shakopee, MN 55379**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite book from summer: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do NOT wish to participate in an online survey about Summer Spotlight this fall